

## STATE of MINNESOTA

## Proclamation

WHEREAS: Romanian Americans began arriving in Minnesota in large numbers in the early 1900s

and contributed to the economic development of the state by working in stockyards and other industries to earn money to send home or bring family members to the United

States; and

WHEREAS: The Romanian American population in Minnesota diminished during the post-World

War II years; and

WHEREAS: The Romanian American population in Minnesota has grown since 1989, with a

resurgence of immigrants choosing to start their new lives here; and

WHEREAS: The Romanian American community in Minnesota has grown to a population of over

5,000 U.S. citizens; and

WHEREAS: The Heritage Organization of Romanian Americans in Minnesota (HORA) is holding a

Gala Benefit Fundraiser to support projects that document Romanian immigration history, preserve Romanian language and cultural heritage, and develop youth; and

WHEREAS: This day celebrates the revival of the Romanian American community in Minnesota and

its contributions to the social, economic, and cultural life of the State of Minnesota.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, June 21, 2014, as:

## ROMANIAN AMERICAN DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June.

Mark Pitchie

SECRETARY OF STATE